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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending patent applications, are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicant submits the following remarks:

1. CH 339 231 - This document is cited in the priority application's French Search Report, submitted herewith.
2. DE 2 157 620 - This document is cited in the priority application's French Search Report, submitted herewith.
3. EP 0 612 488 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,492,426, submitted herewith.
4. EP 0 688 516 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,636,931, submitted herewith.
5. EP 1 029 799 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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